

**CARSON CITY DISTRICT
GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES LEASING
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GEOTHERMAL LEASE STIPULATIONS – COMMON TO ALL PARCELS

The following lease stipulations have been developed as mitigating measures for geothermal leasing and other reasonably foreseeable development activities with regard to geothermal exploration and development within the Carson City Field Office.

Standard Stipulations for All Leases in Carson City Field Office

The following mitigating measures are to be included as special stipulations on all geothermal leases issued in the Carson City Field Office Management area. The lessee shall comply with the following special conditions and stipulations unless they are modified by mutual agreement of the Lessee and the Authorized Officer (AO):

Native American Consultation

All development activities proposed under the authority of this lease are subject to the requirement for Native American consultation prior to BLM authorizing the activity. Depending on the nature of the lease developments being proposed and the resources of concerns to tribes potentially affected, Native American consultation and resulting mitigation measures to avoid significant impacts may extend time frames for processing authorizations for development activities, as well as, change in the ways in which developments are implemented.

Riparian Areas

No surface occupancy within 500 feet (horizontal measurement) of any surface water bodies, riparian areas, wetlands, playas or 100-year floodplains to protect the integrity of these resources (as delineated by the presence of riparian vegetation and not actual water). Exceptions to this restriction may be considered on a case-by-case basis if the BLM determines at least one of the following conditions apply: 1) additional development is proposed in an area where current development has shown no adverse impacts, 2) suitable off-site mitigation will be provided if habitat loss is expected, or 3) BLM determines development proposed under any plan of operations ensures adequate protection of the resources.

Endangered Species

The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. BLM may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modifications of a designated or proposed critical habitat. BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531, as amended, including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.